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The 106th Congress is rapidly coming to a close, and with that I would like to reflect back on our many accomplishments, and my vision for continued prosperity well into the future. Already Congress has balanced the budget for four straight years; paid down \$350 billion of our national debt; protected our Social Security and Medicare surpluses; given tax relief for families, farmers, and small businesses; reformed welfare moving six million Americans to the workforce; repealed the Social Security earnings limit; and increased military pay and readiness to name a few.

We cannot stop there. We must ensure that every child in America receives an excellent education. Imagine an America where all children receive a world-class education and an opportunity to achieve their dreams. We need to ensure a great school for every child and that we have the best and the brightest teaching our children.

With the economy growing at unprecedented rates, we must work to ensure that we have an America where every American has the opportunity to have a good-paying job, own a home, and enjoy a secure retirement. We can do this by eliminating our national debt by 2013, reducing poverty by at least 50%, allowing for personal retirement accounts for those who want them, and most importantly, no family in America should be forced to pay more than 25% percent of their income in taxes.

We need a healthy America where every person enjoys the blessings of the best health and health care in the world. Every American should have access to affordable, high quality health care. With emerging technology

we need to increase medical research to cure such things as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, cancer, heart disease and AIDS. And finally, no child in a country as prosperous as ours should go to bed hungry at night.

We need a safe and secure America where peace and freedom are protected at home and around the world. No child should be in danger while at school. We need to fight to drastically reduce crime, violence, and drug abuse in America. We need a fully activated terrorist prevention network as well as a fully functional and operational missile defense system. We need to provide our military men and women with the best pay in the world, with no service member left to subsist on food stamps. And so that we may enjoy peace in the future, we also need to have the most powerful, efficient, and modern military in the world.

Finally, we need an America that provides a debt free future for our children. The choice is clear: Either we tie the hands of Washington big-spenders and stop them from spending our money, or they will tie the hands of our children and spend them further into debt. That’s an easy choice for me to make. We have already paid back more than \$350 billion in national debt since 1998, and we need to continue our fiscal responsibility. If we expect families to live within the confines of their budgets, the government must live within the confines of theirs.

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Education

Education is first, last and always about children. Every child, regardless of family income, should have the right to a quality education. We need to increase the role of parents in the education of their children and decrease the role of Washington bureaucrats.

My vision for education:

To prove the old saying “money isn’t everything,” we need only look at public education. Despite the billions of dollars the federal government spends on education programs each year, we’ve seen little increase in student achievement. American 12th-graders rank behind their peers in 18 other countries in math skills, and forty percent of American 4th-graders fall below the basic reading level.

But I’m happy to say a new day is upon us. Congress is changing 34 years of thinking that has measured success based on dollars instead of results achieved. This doesn’t mean we don’t think money is important. We do. In fact, Congress increased education spending this year by more than the Administration had requested.

But more importantly, the House passed reforms that will mean more money being spent on students and less being spent on complying with wasteful federal regulations.

Even President Clinton is starting to come around to our way of thinking. He recently said that spending is less important than “values,

priorities, and direction.” I couldn’t agree more. But I disagree with the President on one important question: whose values and priorities? For him, it’s Washington values and priorities. For me, it’s the values and priorities of parents, teachers, and local school leaders that matter.

That is why I am excited about the education reforms Congress passed this year—like the Academic Achievement for All Act, also known as Straight A’s. This bill would establish a pilot program that would give up to ten states the opportunity to enter into a contract with the Department of Education. Participating states would be able to dedicate more resources to educating students and fewer resources toward filling out bureaucratic paperwork.

Straight A’s builds upon the success of another education reform called Ed-Flex, which Congress passed last spring. Ed-Flex gives the states the right to waive certain federal mandates in exchange for more accountability.

Another bill the House passed this year—The Teacher Empowerment Act—aims to put higher quality teachers in the classroom. It would allow teachers more opportunity to get the professional development they need and encourage states to implement tenure reform, teacher testing, and other reforms.

One of my biggest disappointments this year came when the President vetoed a bill that would have allowed parents to save up to \$2,000 per child annually for education expenses such as books, computer software, after-school programs and tutoring.

This would have been a great way to give parents more control over their children’s education and to give students opportunities for academic success, while also providing families with much-deserved tax relief. It’s a shame that the President vetoed this important step toward a more secure future for America’s families.

But I am proud of what the Congress has accomplished. All of these reforms have one thing in common: they put more responsibility in the hands of parents, teachers, and communities, and less in the hands of Washington.

Our children’s schools should be able to get more teachers, computers, textbooks, discipline counselors, better facilities, or whatever else they need to give our children the best education possible. Instead of Washington telling schools which of these things they need, the schools – with the help of parents – should decide for themselves. This is the best way to meet the educational needs of America’s students.



Rep. Cunningham with students at a press conference on education savings accounts (HR 7).

As your representative, a former teacher and coach, and as a dad, I know that improving the quality of education is tremendously important to us all. The following are some of our top educational priorities:

The Teacher Empowerment Act (H.R. 1995)

The Teacher Empowerment Act will raise teacher quality through new programs such as tenure reform, teacher testing, and bonus pay, based on performance. This bill also creates Teacher Opportunity Payments that give teachers the power to choose the training programs which will best help them meet their students’ needs.

Education Flexibility Act (H.R. 800)

The Education Flexibility Act will allow San Diego school districts to do a better job of educating their students by gearing their programs toward meeting individual students’ needs instead of burdensome federal and state regulations.

New Millennium Classrooms Act (H.R. 2308)

Advancement in today’s new economy requires that all students are taught how to utilize the full benefits of the digital revolution. To ensure this, we introduced The New Millennium Classrooms Act which expands an existing tax incentive to encourage businesses to donate state-of-the-art computers to schools — particularly in low income areas.

Title I Funding

Common sense tells us that federal education funding should shift as the population shifts. Every American child deserves the highest quality education possible. For several years, California has not received our fair share of federal dollars for education. I led the charge to ensure a more equitable distribution of dollars to growing states, gaining an additional \$15 million for California.



Technology

Technology has become the new symbol of economic opportunity and freedom in America. The advancement of technology is an integral part of America's economic growth. Our economic and national security depend on leadership in these new technologies. Technology improves people's lives—from wireless phones and palm pilots to email and the Internet.

We must continue to protect the new economy, resulting from technology, from oppressive taxes and regulations. I have joined with other House members in an effort to continue protecting high technology from over-regulation through the eContract 2000.

Internet Taxation

I voted in favor of the "Internet Non-Discrimination Act" (H.R. 3709), which extends the existing moratorium until 2006 on taxes that unfairly single out the Internet, including taxes on Internet access charges, double-taxation by two or more states of a product bought over the Internet, and taxes that threaten Internet purchases differently from other types of sales.



Rep. Cunningham visits with students regarding the importance of technology in today's education.

H.R. 3709 does not outlaw sales taxes on Internet purchases, but extends the existing moratorium to prevent unfair discrimination against the Internet.

Junk E-mail

Everyone who has e-mail is sick and tired of all of the junk e-mail that they receive. For that reason, I recently voted in favor of the Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act (H.R. 3113). This bill would prohibit the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail messages unless the initiator of that message provides a valid return electronic mail address and provides the opportunity to not receive future mailings. This bipartisan legislation will serve as a tool to stop unwanted intrusions into our homes and offices.



Transportation

Keeping San Diego Moving

Like nearly all San Diegans, I am constantly forced to fight my way through our traffic, now among the worst in the country. Our local economy is growing, which, unfortunately, leads to congested roads that degrade our quality of life and pollute our air. This hurts our businesses, our families, our environment, and our piece of mind. We must fix our roads and improve our transit systems to keep San Diego moving in the new century. Working together with local representatives, I plan to improve our freeways, reduce congestion, expand mass transit, and improve our airport.

My priorities remain focused on traffic congestion on I-15, the I-5/I-805 merge, the SR 78 freeway and our clogged highways. We need to complete the SR 56 freeway interchanges and the 905-border freeway, critical to continued growth and the protection of our environment.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I worked to increase highway funding in 2000 to \$2.5 billion for California,

over \$300 million more than this past year. In the six-year period from 1998-2003, California will get 45 percent more highway funds than it did in the six years before 1998. I supported the Aviation Investment and Reform Act (AIR 21) which provides about \$14 billion in increased spending over five years to make our airports as safe, competitive, and congestion free as possible.

Other essential priorities include our City's mass transit needs, replacement buses and an environmentally friendly compressed natural gas bus fueling station in North San Diego County. I have successfully obtained funding for a mass transit parking structure in Oceanside, the Mission Valley East trolley extension, and the Oceanside-Escondido light rail system project design.

These projects are not the end of our work, they will not solve all our problems, but they will help keep us moving, and I will keep fighting for a better transit system for all of San Diego.

Gas Prices

Gasoline industry officials have asserted that the price increases are due to a combination of refinery fires, international price increases on crude oil, and the unique mandated requirements of California gasoline. In response to those price increases, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is investigating the gasoline market on the West Coast for possible collusion or antitrust violations by gasoline producers. The investigation by the FTC should answer many of our questions.

In addition, I am a cosponsor of H.R. 1395, which would allow gas stations to purchase less-costly "non-reformulated gas" when the retail price of gasoline rises by more than five percent above a baseline price, the monthly statewide average price of gasoline. This would help reduce the price of gasoline at the pump.



Social Security

Social Security was created to be a retirement supplement for all Americans—promising a sense of financial security during the “golden years.” Today, it is a pillar of society and critical to the 44 million Americans who depend on Social Security in order to sustain their quality of life.

However, Social Security is not just a retirement program. It is also a needed survivor and disability benefit program to America’s working men and women and their children. Nearly 6.4 million Americans depend on the disability benefits provided by Social Security. These men and women never planned to be disabled but fortunately, our Social Security system was there to help them. This needed insurance is a critical part of Social Security and we must work to protect it for the future.

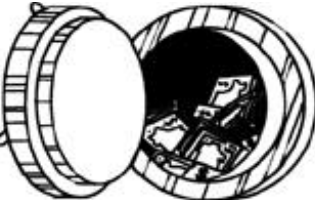
Sadly, the financial future of Social Security is not secure. We must work to strengthen Social Security and protect our nation’s retirement system. Today, by a 3 to 2 margin, more young Americans believe in UFOs than believe Social Security will be there for them when they retire. Even sadder, they may be right. Social Security is secure right now, but over the

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next several decades will begin to run a deficit before finally running bankrupt around 2035, unless needed improvements are made. About that

time, people born in 1970 will begin to retire. We must take steps to ensure that their retirement will be secure, while protecting the benefits already promised today’s retirees.

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Stop the Raid! on the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds

**Social Security and Medicare
Safe Deposit Box Act Passes House**

On June 20, Congress passed critical legislation to protect every penny of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses. The Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act (H.R.1259) will make sure that none of the Washington tax-and-spenders can use one penny from the Social Security or Medicare Trust Fund.

Preserving Social Security must be bipartisan, because it requires commitment, integrity, and responsibility. The majority in Congress is committed to protecting Social Security without funny accounting or “smoke and mirrors” budgets. The choices for fixing Social Security are complex. We must find ways to protect the system without endangering benefits of current or future retirees. We owe it to our parents to protect the current system and we owe it our children to make sure that benefits are there for them in the future.

In addition, I am proud to report that we have eliminated the earnings penalty on senior citizens. There is no reason seniors shouldn’t be able to work past retirement age, unafraid of being taxed on their benefits or losing them altogether. What could be more American than wanting to work hard to provide for yourself and your family? Proudly, I voted this Congress to give seniors the freedom to work and eliminating penalties imposed on Social Security recipients.



Rep. Cunningham speaking with San Diego seniors about the Social Security, Medicare and other issues of importance to them.

Finally, anything we do must ensure retirement security for all Americans, encourage building financial security that families can pass from one generation to the next, and must not be used as a big government “slush fund.” In Congress, I will continue working to make sure that we keep our promise to our seniors, our families, and our children by preserving Social Security.

American workers have invested a lot of money into Social Security and Medicare, and they deserve to know that these important programs will be there for them when they retire. Unfortunately, the House-passed Social Security lock box has been tied up in Senate. The House, Senate and the Administration must reject partisanship and work to protect Social Security and Medicare for future generations to come.

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Medicare and Prescription Drugs

Strengthening Medicare and Providing Affordable, Available, and Voluntary Prescription Drug Coverage

Over the last decade, wondrous advances in medical research have created newer and better prescription drugs that treat and cure the diseases that plague our nation's citizens. Unfortunately, high drug costs have become a danger to the health and financial security of our nation's senior citizens and disabled Americans. Too many senior citizens and disabled Americans are forced to choose between putting food on the table and being able to afford the prescription drugs they need. In our great nation, this is wrong.

I am proud to report that on June 29,2000,the House passed legislation to strengthen Medicare and provide prescription drug coverage for all seniors and disabled Americans.

This plan to strengthen Medicare and provide prescription drug

coverage for ALL senior citizens and disabled Americans focuses on three key principles: coverage will be AFFORDABLE, AVAILABLE, and VOLUNTARYfor ALL— regardless of income.

This plan gives individuals the power to decide what is best for them and choose the prescription drug coverage that best meets their needs.

How it Works:

\$30-\$40	Your monthly premium
\$250	Your annual deductible
\$2,100	Your initial drug benefit

Overall, this plan protects ALL senior citizens and disabled Americans on two major fronts: 1) it helps them maintain their health by lowering drug prices; and, 2) it ensures that by capping high out-of-pocket drug costs they're not robbed of their nest-egg in the face of serious illness.

Strengthening Medicare and providing prescription drug coverage is a promise I am making sure we keep.



Health Care Reform

Congress has been working for several years to improve the delivery of health care to everyone in America. As a cancer survivor, I know how important it is to have good quality health care available when you need it.

Unfortunately, too many Americans can't afford the health care they need and many others are denied coverage for the newest treatments and drugs. I am committed to ensuring that America maintains the world's best health care system by enacting reforms that give people more choices and higher quality health care. I strongly support legislation that empowers individuals and doctors to make health care choices, without the interference of government bureaucrats or trial lawyers.

I want to change Washington by enacting market reforms that will give millions of Americans improved access to a wider range of health care choices, like Medical Savings Accounts and Healthmarts. We make health care costs and long-term care insurance 100% deductible for families and small businesses. Our budget provides a \$100 million increase for Community Health Centers to continue serving underserved areas.

Men's Health

Since 1998, when I developed Prostate Cancer, I have made it my personal mission to improve the health of all Americans and I recently took steps to help protect America's fathers, sons, and husbands.

Every year hundreds of men suffer and die needless, entirely preventable deaths. Men suffer from a higher death rate than women do in each of the ten leading causes of death in this country.

In response to this growing problem, I have introduced legislation, H.R. 4653, to establish an Office of Men's Health at the Department of Health and Human Services to monitor, coordinate, and improve men's health in America. Over the last 20 years, the Office of Women's Health has proven to be an effective federal response to the specific health problems facing women.

I have introduced the Stamp Out Prostate Cancer Act of 1999 (H.R. 2562) to create a new prostate cancer stamp, much like the successful breast cancer stamp. This stamp will generate millions of dollars in revenue for prostate cancer research. The single best thing we can do to combat prostate cancer is to increase funding for research, education, and awareness.

Medical Research

One of the most important issues for the next century is our current investment into medical research. San Diego has become a leader for innovative medical research. The cures to diseases and problems that plague mankind are being treated and defeated by drugs and devices discovered right here in San Diego.

I am proud to report that again, Congress will increase the budget for the National Institute of Health (NIH) by 15%, keeping us on pace to double funding in less than five years. NIH funds the basic research for treatments and cures for such diseases as breast and prostate cancer, heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's and AIDS. NIH funding is also used to advance medical devices that save and enhance lives.

I will continue to support funding for medical research to help bring more effective weapons for the prevention, eradication, detection, and management of diseases.



Veterans

Congress has successfully enacted a budget that increases Veteran's health care by an unprecedented \$1.7 billion— while maintaining a balanced budget without raising taxes or raiding Social Security. Our budget assures quality health care for our Veterans in 2001 without the health care cuts that the Administration's budget would have required. Our budget also continues my pilot project to allow military retirees in San Diego County to use their Medicare benefits at VA medical facilities. I will continue fighting to adopt legislation so that all Veterans and military retirees can participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP).

Keeping our Promises to Veterans

I am proud to be a sponsor of the Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act (H.R. 2966), a bill which will

correct an injustice against millions of Americans who have risked their lives in defense of our country. Millions of Americans joined the service with the understanding that health care would be available to them when they retired. But for too many military retirees, there is no health care, or the health care that is available to them is inadequate. The United States should never break a promise to our military retirees.

On June 22, 2000 Congress approved the FY2001 Veterans Administration spending bill (H.R. 4635). Through this bill and many

“Our veterans sacrificed for America and we owe each of them a debt of gratitude.”

- Duke Cunningham

others we are caring for our veterans by:

- Fully funding Veterans Medical Health Care, providing a \$1.3 billion increase over last year for a total funding level of \$20.3 billion.
- Providing \$351 million for Veterans Medical and Prosthetic Research, \$30 million more than the President's request.
- Providing a \$73 million increase over this year for the Veterans Benefits Administration to expedite claims processing for a total FY2001 funding level of \$782 million.



The House also approved the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (H.R. 2116) which expands long-term health care and extends VA benefits to more veterans. However, H.R. 2116 currently contains a provision that would increase the price of prescription drugs for veterans. Currently, the prescription drug co-payment for veterans is only \$2. Our veterans have sacrificed greatly for our nation and deserve respect and dignity and we should live up to the promises made to them.



National Security

As a 20 year veteran of the Navy I understand that Congress' first responsibility is to defend American citizens from threats from other countries. We must have the most highly skilled, best-trained force in the world. We must treat our military men and women with respect and pay them what they deserve. As a member of the Defense Appropriations Committee, I have fought and will continue to fight for the strongest military in the world.

I have led the fight to bolster our national security by improving military readiness and working for more efficiency. Congress has provided much-needed funds to meet the needs of our services— just the first step in increasing our military readiness. At the same time we provided our service members with a 4.8% pay raise for 2000 and a 3.7% raise for 2001. American soldiers should not be on food stamps. Additionally, we have provided nearly \$1 billion more for health care and make prescription drugs more available so that military retirees have the best health care available.

One of my top priorities in this year's defense budget was for funding for our military's maintenance needs. The men and women who risk their lives to defend America should not have to use second rate equipment or parts cannibalized from a training aircraft or vehicle. The Administration has deferred maintenance and repair to pay for our overseas deployments so many times that some of our modern ships have been declared unseaworthy due to lack of repair

Our military is the best in the world. We need to ensure that it does not fall behind and create further instability around the world. We cannot rest until we ensure that every American family is safe from every potential threat.





Environment

Protecting and improving the environment must be one of our highest priorities so that our children can experience nature and wildlife. This year in Congress, we have won significant victories for common-sense environmental conservation.

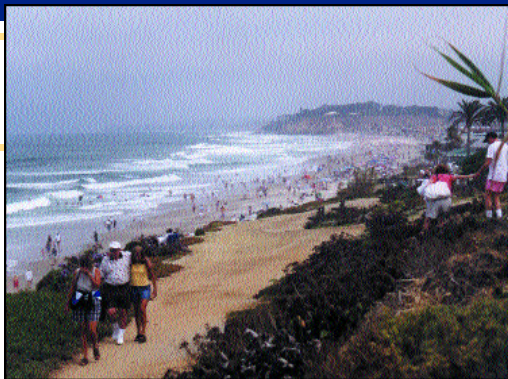
On June 6, 2000, the House passed my Shark Finning Prohibition Act (H.R. 3535) by a 390-1 margin. This needed legislation will once and for all ban the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning—where fishermen remove the fins of a shark and discard the remainder of the carcasses. H.R. 3535 is currently awaiting action by the Senate and I plan to use every resource to enact the ban this year.

In addition, I cosponsored and supported the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 (H.R. 701) which directs revenues from offshore oil and gas drilling to provide a permanent allocation for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In addition, this legislation provides funding for coastal conservation, wildlife conservation, urban parks, and endangered species recovery. H.R. 701 passed the House on May 11, 2000 by a 315-102 margin and is currently awaiting action by the Senate. Through my work on the FY2001 Interior and Energy and Water Appropriations bills, additional victories for our local environment were won by securing funding and policy for several local priorities:

- \$2 million for Natural Community Conservation, of which appr. \$150,000 goes to San Diego County.
- Prohibit oil drilling off of San Diego County's shoreline.
- \$3 million for the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, for additional land acquisitions.
- \$1 million for the Otay Mountain wildlife area, for additional land acquisitions.

Our Local Beaches

Restoring our eroded beaches and protecting our fragile coastline is important to our economy and our children. In the FY2001 Energy and Water spending bill, \$350,000 was earmarked for a sand replenishment feasibility study of the Solana Beach and Encinitas shorelines and funds were provided to examine reopening and improving the environmental condition of San Elijo Lagoon. The success of these beaches projects are critical to protecting the natural beauty that makes North County such a wonderful place to live.



Taxes

There's a warped view in Washington that your money belongs to the bureaucrats. Your money is burning a hole in the their pockets; they're itching to spend it. I want you to keep it and spend it on what you want. You work hard for your money— you earned it and you should keep it. Tax relief is about freedom— the freedom to save, spend or invest as you see fit and it is about returning dollars and decisions back home to you and your family.

DOES THE IRS OWE YOU A REFUND?

During the years of 1995 to 1999 over three hundred refunds in the 51st District of California alone went unclaimed. At an average of \$700 per claim, that is \$218,400 dollars owed to taxpayers living in the North County. A complete list of unclaimed refunds for 51st District residents during the years of 1995 to 1999 can be found on Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham's website at www.house.gov/cunningham. To claim a refund, taxpayers on the list can contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Eliminating the Marriage Penalty Tax

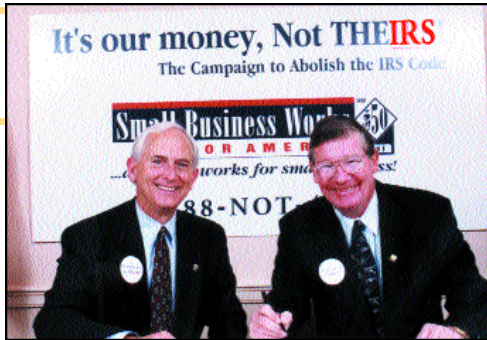
According to the Congressional Budget Office, 25 million couples pay an average of \$1,400 in higher taxes due to the marriage penalty. Elimination of the marriage penalty means so much for families in San Diego and the rest of the country. For example, \$1,400 is equal to three months groceries, three months of childcare, one year's

healthcare premium or a semester's tuition at a community college.

Last year, President Clinton vetoed our plan to provide \$120 billion in marriage penalty tax relief. Now it's time for the Congress and the Administration to join together in a bipartisan manner to end this attack on working American families.

We Killed the Death Tax

The "Death Tax Elimination Act" (H.R. 8) repeals the estate, gift and generation skipping transfer tax over the next 10 years. Because of the outrageous taxes (often up to 55%) levied on the decedent's estate, this tax often prevents family businesses and family farms from being handed down from one generation to the next. More than 70% of family small businesses do not survive the second generation and 87% do not make it to the third generation. That's wrong. The House of Representatives killed this tax by a vote of 279-136. I'm proud to say that I was part of the effort to repeal this tax so that you can pass your hard work onto your children.



Rep. Cunningham pledges to reform the IRS code and simplify taxes for working Americans.

Registering to Vote

- Who can vote? You must be a United States citizen, California resident, and at least 18 years of age by Election Day.
- Where do I obtain a form to register? Your local post office, library, Department of Motor Vehicles, city & county offices, 1-800-345-VOTE or www.ss.ca.gov.
- Mail you form to register to vote! The postage is already pre-paid. Just drop it in any mailbox by October 10th.
- Watch for you voter notification card in the mail! The card is proof that you are registered and is usually sent 3 to 4 weeks after you voter registration form is processed.
- What else can I do? Inform a new neighbor how he/she can register to vote and where their polling location is most likely to be (chances are that it is the same as your own).

Voter's Checklist

- October 10, 2000 - Last day to register to vote and first day to request an absentee ballot. Call the Secretary of State at 800-345-VOTE for an absentee ballot.
- Starting September 28, 2000 - Watch for your sample ballot pamphlet in the mail!
- October 31, 2000 - Last day to request an absentee ballot.
- November 7, 2000 - ELECTION DAY! Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots must be received by mail or in person by close of polls on the 7th.

Last chance to exercise your civic duty. Assist a senior, first time voting youth or new citizen to their polling location. Thank you. Remember to Vote!

Election Day
Tuesday, November 7th.

Let Congressman Cunningham know what you think.

Please number in order of priority the issues you would like to see Congress address:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime/Drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare/Medicaid reform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defense | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Values/Morals (decline of) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Please select one answer for each of the following questions.

Which best reflects your views on the reform of public education?

- ☐ Increase public school resources.
- ☐ Build on current public education reforms by expanding charter and magnet schools.
- ☐ Expand beyond current reform efforts and pass school choice among public schools.
- ☐ Allow for school choice among public private and parochial schools.
- ☐ Other _____

What should Congress' first priority be in utilizing the estimated budget surplus of \$2.9 trillion?

- ☐ Pay down the national debt.
- ☐ Use surplus money to bolster the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.
- ☐ Expand programs like Medicare to include new benefits.
- ☐ Increase domestic spending.
- ☐ Increase defense spending.
- ☐ Increase foreign aid.
- ☐ Cut taxes.
- ☐ Other _____

Which tax cut proposal is most important to you?

- ☐ Reduce the personal income tax.
- ☐ Lower the capital gains tax.
- ☐ Eliminate the death tax (estate tax).
- ☐ Provide marriage penalty tax relief.
- ☐ Tax incentives for charitable and faith-based contributions.
- ☐ Do not cut taxes.
- ☐ Other _____

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